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(c) and (d) During 1992-93, STC's canalised export turnover amounted to Rs. 9 crores against Rs. 233 crores during 1991-92 due to decanalisation. No target for canalised export has been fixed by STC during the current financial year since there are no items where export is canalised through the Corporation.

(e) No Sir.

Impact of Liberalisation on the Employees of Coffee Board

4254. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's move to liberalise coffee marketing would have any effect on the services and prospects of the employees of the Coffee Board;

(b) if so, whether such a step is likely to result in the retrenchment of its employees; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard the interests of its employees and to reduce the cost of marketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government to liberalise marketing of coffee. However, the Board had taken a decision in the interest of growers during the last year to grant 30% Internal Sale Quota to the coffee growers for the season 1992-93 which is being implemented in 1993-94 also.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Liberalisation of Coffee Marketing

4255. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move on the part of Government to liberalise Coffee marketing;

(b) if so, to what extent and what are the modalities in this regard;

(c) whether Government have sought views of all sections in the industry including employees, workers in the industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government to liberalise coffee marketing. However, the Coffee Board had taken a decision in the interest of the growers during last year to grant 30% Internal Sale Quota to the coffee growers for the season 1992-93 which is being implemented this year also.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Software Export Target by 1996

4256. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target has been set up to take India's software exports to 1 Billion U.S. Dollars by 1996;

(b) what is the nature of the World Bank study of the software sectors on which the convention is based;

(c) what are the salient features of the plan of action which has been drawn for this purpose; and

(d) whether this plan will be given to all Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) Government have not fixed any target for the year 1996. However, in a study conducted on India's Software and Services Export Potential and Strategies through World Bank funding, it has been projected that India's software exports has the potential to reach a level of 1 billion US dollars by 1996 if certain steps are taken. These steps include focussing on market needs and opportunities, attracting foreign investment, attaining world class productivity and quality, removing barriers to growth, upgradation of skills etc. While no specific plan of action has been adopted by Government based on these recommendations, appropriate policy measures are being taken as and when necessary to enhance software exports.